## WHAT SOCIETY TALKS OF

Gossip Over Two or Three Recent Entertainments.

#### ANOTHER BAD FASHION REVIVED

An Attempt to Do Away With Whole sale Introductions.

At the President's New-Year reception, the Diplomatic Corps are received directly after the Cabinet pay their repeats to the Chief Executive. Following the foreigners come the Supreme Court Justices. It was not always so. Until about the beginning of Grant's administration, the Justices were presented before the diplomats and their state dinner was also given precedence. Abroad the royal families and home dignaturies always procede the foreigners. Here we accord them the place of honor, next to the official family of the President.

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SOME M TABLE ESTERFAINMENTS.
There has been quite a good deal of goestip and no small amount of fun over two or three entertainments which have occurred here lately. The hosts and hostesses on each of these occasions intended that they would absolutely thrill the social world with the extreme gentility of the affair, and for this purpose they brought to bear all the experiences of a stay of at least a fortnight in the atmosphere of a London acason last summer, to hedge the event about with the necessary dignity and awe. In the first place their visiting list was closely scrutinized, the sheep gently but firmly separated from the goals, and then the chosen few were divided in two grades. The prime article was received one week, the middlings came to a feast a week later.

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reek laier. Never before did a simple entertain-Never before did a simple entertainment get such a thorough overhauling, and rarely have such well-meant offers to do he real, swell thing been met with greater ridicule. The first party was not a brilliant success, since nobody from the White House put in anyearance. After getting the whole affair up as a respectable imitation of what the same festivity might be in London, and then have none of the toyal blood come, or even send a posy, was simply maddening. But it was great fun for those in the secret. Our hostess' serenity did not desert her, as it almost did on another occasion when she constituted herself the bearer of the President's regreis at not being able to attend a party. The lady to whom this message was delivered calmly drew herself up and said: "How strange that is, we did not invite him." Tableau and general consternation on that occasion. But to get back to the last up-town freezeout.

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To make up the first batch of invitations even the august body of the Diplomatic Corps was rent asunder, and a
part of it was asked a week shead of the
rest. That was an assumption of American independence which excuses all the
other mistakes. The average hostess
swallows the whole Diplomatic Corps at
once. She probably deean't remember
half their mames and none of their titles,
but she never draws the line on a part
of our free-list guesta. For the rest of
the poor Washingtonians invited, official
and otherwise, the nicest discrimination
was exercised. Households were divided, friends separated, and, for fear of
going there on the wrong date, people
had almost to carry the invitation
ground in their hats. Well, it is all
over. Everybody breathes casier, purticularly those not invited at all. Some
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One lady, whose name is synonymous with the best social traditions and an authority on all matters appertaining thereto, had at her request thoroughly toached our crude hostess some years sgo on all the knotly points which sould naturally bewilder one unaccustemed to such society. Her brilliant uptil, in spite of her efforts, has kept on making all corts of funny blumders. Now, settling herself up as a leader of a new era, she absonitely invited the pacher whose word is recognized authority to the second feast. Of course the did not go.

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A fashion which started here not a very long time ago of not introducing people who meet as guests at emiertainments has been revived this winter and has been already the source of much emission.

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A lady who has not fact enough to in-vite a congenial company to dine or for any other festivity where the guests are limited to a certain number of people who know one another or who are desirous to meet ought to postpone her hospitalities until she learns. To ask a debutante to a formal, dinner, a girl whose acquaintances heretofore have been those of her parents' intimate friends and not introduce here to a single man or woman present, is an embarrassbeen those of her parents intimate friends and not introduce her to a single man or woman present, is an embarrassing experience which few care to repeat. Yet such things are of nightly occurrence. It seems no longer fashionable among the new rich to present their friends to one another until they ask for an introduction. An English dinnerparty presupposes members of the same set, who are thoroughly well-known to one another, at least by reputation. It is not so here. New elements are always coming to the front and most of them are very desirable. Nobody can make mistakes a introducting people who are their guests for the while. If the acquaintance is not desirable, there is no obligation to keep it up afterward.

Mrs. Secretary Fish, when she led the Administration, was considered the highest authority on all questions of this kind. She said, speaking of general introductions, after she had presented a half dozen ladies to each other who impended in for an afternoon call, she believed that the motive of true courtery ought to be that which conduced most to the general comfort and pleasure. No one was better able to make nice distinctions nor deal with deep problems of this sort than Mrs. Fish, who showed the true gentlewomen in all her official and private life here.

Fortunately the few who have been trying the English plan here have not sufficient importance nor influence to make it law. It is very bad United States manners, ladies. Stop it. It will not make the English admire us any more, either.

H. McC.

The Mexican Minister and Mme. Ro-mero are receiving every few days the purchases made abroad last summer of from 2 to 0, assisted by Mrs. Senator Conger.

arricles to adorn the new legation. They have just had placed in the parlors two life-sized Venetian figures — Nobian dancing girls-which have been greatly

admired.

Captain and Mrs. John F. Rogers have invitations out for two teas—Fridays, Jannay 15 and 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampden Zane and the Misses Churchhill have sent out "at home" cards for Thursday, January 5, from 5 to 8.

from 540 S.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strong, who have entertained so elegantly since taking up-their residence here, gave another din-ner party last night. Mrs. Strong is at home on Wednesslays, corner Four-teenth and I. streets.

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Ex-Governor and Mrs. John Lee Carroll arrived a few days ago from Dongberan Manor and took possession of the
Nordhoff House for the winter.

Mr. Walter V. R. Berry is recovering
from a long illness of typhoid fever.
Chiaf Justice and Mrs. Waite entertained at a young people's dinner last
night some of the Yale student friends
of the Judge's grandson, who are at
home for the holidays.

Mrs. Leiter had a young people's
dinner last night and Miss Alice Wilson
gives a 5 o'clock tea to her young friends
to-day.

Minister Preston and family have
taken possession of the house on Vermont avenue adjoining Senator McPherson's. Mrs. Preston and her younger
children arrived in New York from a
lengthy stay abroad about a week or
two ago. Mr. Preston outranks all the
diplomats in length of service here, and
therefore leads that body on New Year's
day, when they will be presented to the
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Mrs. Reginald Fendall, assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. M. Galt, gave a five o'clock tea yesterday.

General and Mrs. Van Vliet, gave a sociable afternoon tea yesterday in honor of their sons and their wives, Lieutenant Robert and Mrs. Van Vliet, who are with them for a holiday visit. During the time the hospitable house was thronged with the best people in society, and General Sherman and the genial host were the lions of the day. Mrs. Van Vliet had her pretty daughters-in-law to assist in receiving. They wore their white silk wedding gowns. Miss Marion West poured tea at a dainty service. A substantial supper was served, hot and plentiful. Mrs. Van Vliet gives another tea next Friday.

MICHINGO M MSS.

The Carrie has received notice that the following halles will be "at home" to their friends on Monday:

Baber, Mrs. George, of Kentucky, at the Clarendon Hotel. from 3 to 6 o'clock, and Mrs. A. D. Lyons and Misses Lizzle, Pink and Lalle Lyons of Virginia, Mrs. Pay Director Buchanan and Mrs. Key Buchanan, Mrs. Ms. H. Porter and the Misses Porter of Kentucky.

Bend, Mrs. Ewin H. 4, and Le Blond Brr. dit with their mother, Mrs. T. J. W. Robertson, 318 O street, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Bendand, Mrs. William, 915 O street, assisted by the red supher. Miss Lizzle, S. Hasland, and the Misses Nina Bracket, Carrie Abbott and Susie Bracket of Minnapolis.

Berlin, Mrs. H. S., 807 Tenth sireek, 1 to 8 o'clock and solved the Carrie of Alibott and Susie Bracket of Minnapolis.

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Berlin, Mrs. H. S., 807 Tenth sircet, Ato 8 of clock, assisted by Mrs. A. Stoddart, Mrs. J. H. Vermilya and Miss I. Johnson.

Barber, Mrs. A. L. and her mother, Mrs. Langdon, at Belinout, assisted by Mrs. C. D. Wickham, Mrs. H. M. Toller, Mrs. A. B. Walker, Mrs. H. M. Toller, Mrs. Ginesi, Mrs. Eastwood, Mrs. W. C. Mason, Mrs. D. W. Stockwell of Illinois, and Mrs. Stanton of California, and by the Misses Sara E. Bradiey, Emma Teller, Addie Beals, Neille Walker, Zetta Ginesi, Helen Brooks and Carrie N. Stillman of Baltimore.

Burrows, Mrs. J. C., with Mrs. Stockheidge, at 146 M street.

Bond, Mrs. S. R., No. 15 Jowa Circle, after 12, assisted by Mrs. Henry Gannett and Mrs. E. D. Chamman.

Bergy, the Misses, 710 N street, assisted by Mrs. Stockheid, Mrs. Stockhe

to 6.

Cabell, Mrs. William D., assisted by Miss Cabell, and by some of the young ladies of Nerwood Institute.

Chapman, Mrs. E. D., with Mrs. S. E. Bond, 13 lows Circle.

Charles, Mrs. Emily T., assisted by Miss Myla Charles and Miss Annie Gibson, 1231 Watered

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Eastman, Mrs. A. P., with Mrs. Aivin M. Lothrop, 25 Grant Place.

Fish, Mrs. Ros. A., 1288 Virginia avenue southwest, after 1 o'clock, assisted by her daughter, Miss Fish, Miss Cushman, Miss Tull and Miss Elien Neilson of Philadelphia. Fries, Miss Mamie J., with the Misses Holden, No. 802 Sixth street southwest.

Gross, Miss Blanche, No. 805 Tenth street southwest, assisted by Miss Kittie Gross of Las Vegas, N. M., from 2 to 8 o'clock.

Gannett, Mrs. Heury, with Mrs. S. II. Bond, 13 Iowa Circle.

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Island avenue assisted by Misses E. Genevieve Jackson of New Haven, Gertrude
Jochum, Carrie Shuster and Gussle McChesnew.

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Hall, Mrs. H. A. and daughter, No. 1420
Fiftcenth street, assisted by Miss Rits Spalding and Miss Nellie Simpson of Wellesley College, from 1 to 6 o'clock.

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Holden, Misses Lizzie and Aggie, assisted by Misses Mamie Fries, Ella Rock and Ide Sinith.

Hint, Mrs. Leonidas F., with Mrs. T. H.
Martin, at 1927 T street.

Hoover, Miss Lillie, at No. 1118 Ninth
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Johnson, Mrs. W. T., No. 1620 I street, assisted by her daughters, Misses Anulc and Abbie Johnson.

Jochum, Miss Gertrude, with Mrs. C. E. Gibbs, No. 1111 Rhoole Island avenue.

Kimball, Mrs. I. G., No. 620 North Carolina avenue, and her daughters, Misses Elfa and Alice Kimball, assisted by Mrs. W. Kimball, Mrs. J. G., No. 620 North Carolina avenue, and her daughters, Misses Elfa and Alice Kimball, assisted by Mrs. W. Kimball, Miss Jennie O. Kimball, Miss Jennie G. Kimball, Miss Jennie O. Kimball, Miss Annie E. Gomia, Miss Sude Morrick, Miss Blanche Campbell, and Miss Earma Phillips of Gionecster, Mass.

Lottrop, Mrs. Alvin M., of No. 23 Grant Plane, assisted by Mrs. A. P. Eastman of Palle Church, Va.

Lyman, Mrs. Commissioner, No. 423 M streat, assisted by her daughter Elfa, her niece, Miss Laurl, Mrs. S. R. Killy and Mrs. Dr. George Lee of Vermont avenue.

McLinson, Mrs. Commissioner, No. 423 M streat, assisted by her daughter Kitty and Mrs. L. F. Hunt. McCulloch, Mrs. Hugh, and family.

Miller, Mrs. J. H., 1837 F street, assisted by mrs. Irvine. Mrs. George B. Williams, Madame Gomer, Mrs. Charkson of Des Molnus, Iowa, Miss May Williams and Miss Cullom.

Robertson, Mrs. T. J. W., of \$18 O street, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Edwin H. Hond and Mrs. Le Biond Burdett, and her niece. Miss Elfa Robertson of Baltimore, from 3 to 7 o'clock.

Small, Mrs. II A. Hall, at No. 1420 Eff. centh street,

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Senator Spioner, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. James O'Donnell, Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Misse Chipman, Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Misse Jin, Miss Fannie George and Miss Annie of Madison, Wis. msier, Miss Carrie, with Mrs. C. E. S. No. 1111 Bhode Island avenue. Its, Miss Blanche E. will assist her in, Miss Little Hoover, at 1115 Ninth

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Truell, Mrs. Edwin M., at No. 1914 K
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amboo, Wis.
Thorn, Mrs. F. M., and daughter Gertrude,
io. 1310 Twelfth street, assisted by Mrs.
furt. wife of Major Hurt, Doorkesper of
the House of Representatives, and Mrs.
very, wife of Colonel Avery of the Treastry Department, formerly, editor of the
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try Department, formerly, editor of the Atlania Constitution.
Wilson, Mrs. M. A., at 36 Eighth street northenst, assisted by Mrs. Maggie A. Mechan of New Jersey and others.
Wheeler, Mrs. and the Misses, of Alabama, at No. 1328 M street.

# WOMEN WHO WORK.

Stirring Plea in Behalf of Those Wh. Write for the Press.

Euron Currie: A reporter of a morning paper, in writing up an ordinary item of news, concerning the misfortunes of a most unfortunate, and, also, a most gifted woman, Mrs. Liele tester, makes it the occasion of an unkind fling at a whole class of his fellows. If this is real journalism, I confess I am only just enlightened as to what journalism is. As a rule, the women writers of Washington are hard-working, honest women, and this is the very first instance where one of them was ever even accused of

where one of them was ever even accused of a disgraceful set. How is it about our brothers?

It is true, as he says, that in no place has the stringency of the money market been more perceptible than with lady writers. And why! Is it because they cannot do good work? Then why is it that every publisher who can get their work for nothing is so ready to cheat his subscribers by padding his paper with this worthless material? If the writer of that paragraph is a manly man, he would never have said so unkind a thing, had he been really well informed as to the bitter struggle for honest bread that some of these women are making against the fearful odds, not of superior brains, but superior musels. If he could know how her wonganhood is often insalled by the familiar atr and imperiment speech of many men whose high positions compel her to seek them hecause papers do not care for the doings of leser men, and who know periectly well that she cannot afford to resent anything; and therefore take advantages of their power to grafify what must be an abnormal appetite for something beyond their reach. (A real lady cannot be patied on the shoulter or have her arm squeezed every day.) If he could know how she cooks the food and makes the clothing her meagare carmines purchase, to save servant's hire, thus doing a double duty in the hours that her stronger brother finds needful for rest, his heart for thank God the American gentleman has a hearty would swell with ptty instead of contempt for this "weaker vessel" of whom he is the alleged protector.

Masont SULLYAN.

The New Avenue Cars.

Most of the new cars for the Washington and Georgetown Bailroad have arrived and will be put in service just as soon as the double curve track can be laid at the corner of Fiffeenth street and Fenneylvania avenue. If the weather continues like the present it will take ten or twelve days to complete the work, but under ordinary circumstances the laying of the track ought to be finished in seven days. By the time the track is ready for the cars it is expected that all the cars will be here ready to be put on. Since it has become known that the bob-tail car is to-be put away, numerous applications have been made for conductorships, mostly by young fellows from the contury. The conductors have donned their new uniforms. The costume is of blue cloth, with double rows of brass buttons on the coat and the word "conductor" on the cap. The New Avenue Care.

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Liste Lester's Case.

The arrest yesterday of Mrs. Liste Lester, a scall-known newspaper correspondent, on a warrant sworn out by Benjamin P. Watrous, a marketman, charging her with finzing passed a bogus check on him for a small amount, has caused quite a sensation. When the case was taken to the Folice Court it was conditioned in the Hole Court it was conditioned in the Hole Court it was conditioned in the Hole Court it was conditioned to the was conditioned and the Hole Court it was conditioned to the condition of the Hole Court in the Co

Presentation to Captain Ross. Captain Burton Ross, of Company B. W.
a. I. Corps, was presented with a handsome ouvenir by the members of his company ast night. It is a beautiful diamond badge, represents a captalo's handless.

ouvenir by the members of his company last night. It is a beautiful diamond badge. I represents a captain's shoulder strap, and at the ends of the bars were diamonds; hanging by gold chains to the strap, was a solid gold book, marked on the edge "Upton's Tacties." On the front of the book was engaved "Capt. B. R. Ross, from the members of Co. B. W. L. I., Dec. 30, 1857. Major Moore made the presentation speech, to which Captain Ross repited.

The Effect of a Spree,

James McIlhenny attempted suicide yesterday afternoon by taking six drachms of landanum at his residence, No. 1005 Maryland avenue southwest. Dr. Leach was called in and succeeded in saving the would be suicide's life, after which he was taken to Providence Hospital. He left the latter place to-day apparently recovered from the effects of the potton. McIlhenny is a printer about 30 years of age. He has been drinking heavily lately, and the attempt on his life was probably the outcome of a spell of delirium tremens.

Christmas in the Churches.

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Christmas M. E. Sunday-school eachers and scholars gave an entertainment of cast night at that church.

Grace M. E. Church Strinday-school held K. their Christmas entertainment last night.

Two Large Mortgages.

This week the two largest mortgages that ever went on file in the recorder's office in Mercer County, Pa., were placed in the office for recording. The mortgages were on the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and were for \$20,000,000 cach. The first was in favor of the Mercantile Trust Company of New York and the second in favor of the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company of New York. The mortgages are very long, and a great deal of property is covered by them. The first one occupies 45 and the second 69 pages.

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them. The first one occupies 43 and the second 60 pages.

A man recently took a bath in the dark. He managed well enough, only he got hold of a piece of store blacking instead of some with marked results —(Gleu's Falls Times. Shes—Lan' ob dei libeu! Brudder Eil! Did you come on de kyaps or by private conveyance? He—Private conveyance? He—Private conveyance, chile, I walked.—(Harner's lazar.

There is one thing that is always in advance of the public demand, and that is the price of coal.—(Warwick Dispatch.

Nine cables connect Europe and America, altogether there are now in use II3,000 nautical miles of cable.

A Parisian mechanic has built a locomo-

A Parisian mechanic has built a locomo-tive to accomplish a speed of 93 miles ar hour. A Lisbon, N. H., show-peg manufacturer found sale in Germany for the entire produc-tion this year of his incroy—23,000 bushels. Andrew Mitton of Medina, Mich., a chronic whittler, has just completed his 18,400th axe-handle.

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A New York firm sent a large order to Michigan for 'wishbones' to be gilded and fastenet to modeluck cards for Christmas.

Crackers that have been softened by exposure will become criep and fresh again by being heated in an oven a few minute. keep the flour barrel raised a few infinites.

Keep the flour barrel raised a few inches
from the floor se that the air may circulate
underneath and passent damp.

To prevent a shiny skin use a little camploor in the wash water never use face
powders; they are delucions.

ATLANTIC CITY IN WINTER. reparations of Hotel Proprietors the Coming Season.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 27, 1887.—
In a few days what promises to be a very profitable spring sesson will have opened. The elaborate preparations going on among the hotel people are reliable signs of the approaching event. Always at the close of a summer sesson the rumors of threatened changes begin. People who have done a business beyond their expectations want larger and more modern houses, etc.; are always ready, even anxious, to pay the exorbitant rents demanded. On the other hand, those inexperienced in successful hotel management have overreached themselves, and are compelled to take less expensive establishments.

THE HOTEL BEMAKELY.

As an example of the successful man-

As an example of the successful manager the writer may refer to the new departure of Mr. B. F. Spense, For several years one of the most profitable houses on Illinois avenue has been the Berkeley. But as the overflow in July and August has been heavier every season and the house is rather illy-adapted to winter occupancy, Mr. Spense has leased the new and imposing building just about being completed on the old seaside site. Pennsylvania avenue, mar Pacific, Mr. Spense will still 'call his house the Hotel Berkeley, and it will be the most completely furnished and modernly equipped hotel on the island.

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At the Windermere, where were passed so many pleasant hours by well-known Washingtonians, many preity little surprises are being wrought by the genial hostess, Mrs. C. L. Houston, so that when her guests return in the spring and summer their enjoyment will be doubly enhanced.

Our Government friends at Washington seem determined to neglect our postal wants. If some one does not interfere our letters will be turned out of house and home, or maybe, as some witty journalist has said, our distracted Postmaster will have to put his Government charge "on wheels" and distribute his letters from the most convenient vacant lots.

THE TRAYMORE.

Carpets of elegant design are being laid in the reception halls of the Traymore. This stylish and popular hotel has been open all winter and entertained some very prominent citizens of both Washington and Baltimore.

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Mrs. Rines of your city does not seem able to dispose of the Colonnade Hotel. It is really quite a desirable house and should be in great demand. Perhaps Mrs. Rines is particular to whom she leases or sells. There is a gentleman now in Washington who was the only successful manager since the days of the owner's residence here—Colonel C. C. Leffer of the Hotel Windsor.

Not many weeks ago there went to reside in your charming city a well-known and much-esteemed physician of this city. Dr. Philip Marvel came to Atlantic about three years ago, intending to make it his permanent home. Friends gathered about him is strong array, but business relations and ambitious desires intervened, and after a great personal struggle, also the objections of his friends to his departure. Dr. Marvel finally left here on the lst of December,

ANOTHER NEW HOTEL.

Two laddes from your city have taken a forty-five bed-room house on Kentucky avenue, near the beach. Their names are Mrs. Martha T. Soudsall and daughter, Miss Ida. Their first visit to Atlantic was last summer, when they were the guests of Mrs. Morels of the Elkton. They expressed their intention then of cembarking upon the boarding-house business should they be able to secure a desirable house. This they have done. A more thorough building of the size could not be found. When selected the name will be given in these columns.

THE WEATHER.

The subject of weather in a letter from any other point than Atlantic City would be defined a decomposed nut—"chestnut." But here, on this island, the freaks of the weather are different. Because from all scaling on just Mon. the freaks of the weather are different. Reports from all sections on last Monday tell us that snow fell to the dopth of eighteen and twenty inches. There was excellent sleighing within twenty-live miles of this city on Monday, but, on the same evening, a dozen carris could have easily hauled away all the beautiful snow on our streets. The fall from Saturday afternoon until Sunday noon didn't exceed six inches.

Because of the slush and mud encountered in the adjacent cities, many of our all-the-year visitors and others of the permanent resident element, who habitually go to the city for their holiday purchases, have patronized our merchants, which has gladdened their hearts.

Miss E. M. Fuller of Washington, D. C., is gaining much needed rest from official duties at the Hotel Wellington.

C., is gaining much needed rest from official duties at the Hotel Wellington, Kentucky avenue, Miss Fuller holds a responsible position in the Postoffice Department. She will remain a week longer.

onger.

An exciting impromptu horse race took place to-day between two well-known horsewomen of this city and their blooded stock. The irot took-place on the one-mile track of the Atlantic City Turf Association.

Haddon Hall will 'reopen February 15, as also will the Chalfonte, both on North Carolina avenue close to the beach.

Mrs. M. E. Stoddart of the Acme and a resident of Baltimore, will return for the reopening of her house about January I.

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For the first time since Mr. Samuel
Kirby leased the Wargate it is closed.
It will only be for a short time, however, as the alterations are confined to
the office floor.

Mrs. H. S. Gould of the Hotel Royal, one of the most geniul of hostesses, will return from New York city in February.

She entertained several prominent families from the Nation's Capital and they will return again.

THE NEW OPERA-HOUSE,

The roof of the first and only operahouse built in this city has been constructed, and the owner and builder, Mr. Charles A. Idler, is pushing ahead the work. It is a very substantial structure throughout and will be much besides an ornament. "Jarbeau" will probably open the house. THE MANSION MOUSE. Mr. W. E. Cochran, for thirteen years

associated with one of the leading all-the-year hotels, has changed, after much persuasion, to the Mansion House. He associated with one of the leading all the year hotels, has changed, after much persuasion, to the Mansion House. He will act in the capacity of room clerk line must be drawn somewhere.—[New Orleans Picayane.

and have general charge of the office.
Mr. Cocinan has a very extensive acquaintance with the leading families of New York. Washington, Philadelphia and the West. Ever alive to his own interests, Mr. McGlade has not gone astray in so excellent a selection. In the meantime the usual spring alterations have already commenced. The Philopatrian Institute of this city will hold their reception and banquet in the parlors of the Mansion on New Year's night.

THE ASHLAND.

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Mr. Joseph Flanigan, formerly cashler of the Merchants' Bank and last summer assistant manager for Mr. McGlade of the Mansion House, has probably leased the well-known Ashland House. This property belongs to Mr. Cochran of Wilmington, Del.

J. J. Roberts, for several years associated with Mr. Charles Evans of the Seaside House, has leased the Hotel Vermont. This is one of the very desirable up-town houses, and now that it has fallen into the hands of Mr. Roberts it will undoubtedly be well managed.

J. M. D.

### NUTS AND BAISINS.

Farmer's wife—Will you be seated?
Tramp—With plersure, ma'am. Your next-door neighbor's dog has just unseated me.—[New Haven News.
There is nothing under the face of the sky that can be quite so stuck up as a sheet of stamps, when it tries to.—[Detroit Free Press.

Press.
Some one asks: "Does it pay to be good"
Perhaps our evidence in the matter will mot
be taken, and so we shall not answer the
question directly, but we will say that it is
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good to be paid.—[Lowell Citism.]

Scientists say that the potato rot comes once in ten years—every decayed, as it were, —[Tid-Bits.]

Hother — Why, Mary, that's a very small egg!

Mary—ves, sir, it is; but it was only laid this morning, sir.—[Life.]

A new broom sweeps clean.—[Burlington Free Press.

"The letter that never came," isn't half so troublesome as the horse car that never stops when you want it to—[Hartford Post.]

A man used only sell one oil well to be a hole-saler.—[Fittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Little Tommy—Ma, wouldn't it be nice if you had the toothache, 'stead of Bridge?'

Mrs. Blueblood—Why, my son? Tommy—'Cause you could take your teeth out; she can't.—[New York Star.

"What do you think of my week-old whiskers," he asked proudly as he coaxed them gently to stay in sight.

"They look like weak old whiskers," she answered, with a cruel intention of scorn.—[Dertoit Free Press.

Teller (turning to the president, solemnly.)—1 do not see the cashier this morning.

President (dry and solemn)—And I do not see any cash here, either—[Drift.]

Robbie—Mamma, doesn't it make your hands warm to spank me? Mamma—Why, yes, Robbie, it does. Robbie—Woulds't it do just as well, then, mamma, to go and hold 'em over the register'—[Exchange.

An all-roand wag has placed the following placard over his coad bin: "Not to be used except in case of fire." The cook's relatives are in consternation—[Burlington Free Press.

Where the Steak Was.—Scene—New York restaurant, Hungry guest: "How is this, water?" I ordered a steak and a poached; gir, is ethe egg, but where is the steak; Table attendant: "Dat's all right, sah," be steak and under de egg."—[Ercanton Truth.

He—Handrone woman, that Major Boid's wife, but why will she wear such lond gowns?

She—Out of consideration for the Major, I faincy, Ye is so shockingly doaf, don't you know.—[Life.

Smith—What would you do, Brown, to make a long store, hort."

The distonent morning hort.—[Purles-maker," it would have cost her a little more for paint, but the impression, on

Transcript.

Women and Plate-Glass Windows.

The great plate-glass windows that adorn large store fronts have their origin in the vanity of women. A woman likes to see herself as others see her. She can do that in a mirror. When she is on the street the show windows serve as introve to tell her how pretty or how had she uppears; if her hat is on crooked, her back hair-down, or her new-fangled bustle awry. Then they are attracted to the goods in the windows and go into the stores to inspect and buy. Tradesmen who observed the manner in which they looked in the window arged the glass manufacturers to make large panes. They gradually made then larger and larger until now they fill the catter front.—[N. Y. Tribune.

Russian Proverbs.

Pray to God, but row to shore.

Modesty is a maidon's necklare.

A maiden's heart is a dark forest.

To marry in May is to suffer always.

A bad peace is better than a good quarrel.

By a wedge may a wedge be driven out.

It's a bore to go alone, even to get drawned.

To stir the fire with another's hands is no hardship.

Calumny is like a coal: if it does not burn it will self.

A mother's prayer has power to save from the bottom of the sea.

It is not so much the deew of heaven as the sweat of man's brow which renders the soil fruitful.

Prohibition Trousers Prohibition Trousers.

For the far West trade hip pockets have to be narrow and deep, and very well sewed, for the reason that everybody out there earries a revolver or pistol of some sort in his trousers pocket. But that is not the kind of a pocket they want in he Kansas trade. There they required great big pocket, with a wide mouth and a capacious interior. A good many of the men in the trade speak of trousers with very large pockets as "quarts," while those with smaller pockets are known as "pints."—[Tailor's Weekly.

Little Enima's Hendache,
"I dot de headache agin, mamma."
"Ah. I'm sorry."
"It nehes awful bad."
"That's too bad. I intended to let you so over and spend the evening with Manie Little.
"Well, it doesn't nehe so bad like it did. It don't ache herd'y any now. I b'leve it is well, mamma."—[Kentucky State Journal.

A Puzzler for Santa Claus. New boarder (who has got into wrong room)—Thish ish very extiror-refrary, for if thish ish my room an that ish my bed and there I am in my bed, then who the devil ish carryin' room thish lamp, I want or know?"—[Texas Siftings.

The Artist Sisters.

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Art Critic—Do you and your sister paint.
Miss De Owinn?

Miss De Owinn (blushing)—Yes. I paint a
little to keep off the tan, but my sister dale
it on as thick as plastering.—[Arcola Record.

"A blow in the dark" is the blow that has
been used to put out the candie that lights
one to bed.—(New Orleans Pleayune.

The owster opener's duty is on the raw
material.

Solomon, when arrayed in all his glory,
never wore a rink cross-bar shirt and white
collar—[Pack.

High Art in Kansas City—"Yes," said
Miss de Boomwille, "father's new hotel will
be eleven stories high, and every story is to
be of a different order of architecture!"—
[Puck.

No man likes to enter a yard when he

IRREPRESSURLE BOULANGER.

He Thinks That He is in Danger of Being London, Dec. 31.—Whenever the irre-

pressible Boulanger thinks himself in danger of being forgotten be reminds the world of his existence by a letter more or less bombastic, which, if news happens to be scarce, is printed and commented upon by all the fournals of Europe. Characteristic, indeed, is his recent note to M. Susmi derlining the latter's seat in the Chamber of Deputies, on the ground that in the war which he scents after off. France will need warriors more than legislators. How the vivavious General will fare at the hands of the new Minister of War remains to be seen. ressible Boulanger thinks himself

wions General will fare at the hands of the new Minister of War remains to be seen.

General Ferron, as was to be expected, took every copportunity to snab and repress the lively Boulanger, but the latter's turn may come yet, for it is the general opinion that General Logerot, who replaces General Ferron, is hardly the man for the place.

Though Logerot is a brave soldier and a good general officer, it is to be doubted whether he will come up even to the standard of General Ferron, who in his short administration of six months got through with a great deal of hard work in an unobtrusive manner.

Since General Logerot has been at the head of the Eighth Army Corps, however, he has had comparatively nothing to do, and has now succeeded to a task which requires considerable tact to accomplish properly and which General Ferron found to be no easy one.

The troops in the eastern departments of France adjoining German territory had to be increased in number and raised to a higher state of efficiency without provoking remonstrance from the everwatchful German authorities. To counterbalance the German forces eleven out of eighteen new regiments of three battalions each, created by the law of July 21 last, have been centered in the east of France.

General Ferron was enabled to do this at very little expense by suppressing the neural Fourth Battation and depot companies. He also raised the effective by distributing more equally the reservists so that in no company de they now number more than one-half of the rank and file.

Under the law of July 26 he obtained four new regiments of cavalry which will be angimented to thirteen as soon as the extigencies of the budget permit it to be done. The French cavalry will then consist of ninety-one regiments, closely approaching in number that of Germany, which amounts to ninety-three regiments.

These new formations have increased the war effective some 55,000 men in an unostentations manner. Provision to create several shattalions of Alpine Chasseurs, to be independent of the regular army corps and intended to operate on the Italian frontier in case of war, met with less success, but the late War Minister has built, or at least begun the construction of an excellently conceived line of forts, quarding the border in that direction from the little St. Bernard to the shores of the Mediterranean. Under the law of July 26 he obtained

#### THE PANAMA ROADS.

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PANMA, Dec. 30.—Despite the formal protests presented by the legations of the United States, England and Germany against the sweeping action of Congress respecting the recovery of the railways from the contractors, in whose railways from the contractors, in whose hands they are, the government is adopting vigorous measures to carry out the orders of the Legislature. A commission has been appointed to form, an inventory of the trailbert line, those from Mollendo to Arcenipa 19th, from Arcuipa to Bane and the road partly constructed from Juliaes to Cargo—and when this is finished the State will resume possession of them. The commission of engineers and inspectors of mines sent out by the committee of Perrulan bondholders at London has concluded its labors on the Oroya Railroad and at the Cerro de Pasco mining district. The commission has proceeded to the north to examine the Pascasmayo and Chimbote Railroads.

An Interstate Cocking Main.

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Coursans, S. C., Dec. 30.—The cocking main between North and south Carolina birds was concluded here last night. Sixteen battles had previously been fought, each side winning sight-the seventeenth and last battle was very oxiding and was won by the North Carolina bred which kills his South Carolina oppount after a which kills his South Carolina oppount after a fightling will go into effect next week.

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M. Mayer, director of the Gaulois, and M. de Moestyne, Gomerly Paris correspondent for a New York paper, fought a duel with swoods bear Paris ynsierdag. M. Mayer disarred M. sie Woestyne in the second bout. In the oriorita and last bout M. Mayer was slightly The Irish Government official who is charged with grainfully assailing three young siris is Major Habop, the governor of the county lail at Cork. The police authorities for prosecute Major Habop, the governor of the county lail at Cork. The police authorities for prosecute Major Habop, the governor of the county lail at Cork. The police authorities for prosecute Major Habop, the governor of the county lail at Cork. The police authorities for prosecute Major Habop, the governor of the county lail at Cork. The police authorities of Paris have petitioned the dovernment to adopt measures which well prevent the Process Applicate from controlling the price of copper Lord Gough, which left "Philodophia December 15 for this port and Livernood, has not yet arrived at Queenstown. Considerable makey is a supplementation of the county of th

The death is aunounced of Jules Van Pract, the Belgian diplomat and historian, in his 82d Year. Miss Ella Russell of Cleveland, Ohio, has secred a trimph in the opera "La Traviata" in Warsaw. Mr. Sector's illness has assumed a dangerous phase. His condition causes his friends much anxiety. The Servian Ministry has resigned.

The frequent and painful disease, rheum-atism, can be permanently cared by Saiva-tion Oil. Thirty-three years have passed since the introduction of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and it still stands unrivaled. Get the genuine. Price 25 cents.

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Next year is leap year, girls! The only advice we hope to give you is to "look before you leap."—Lowell Unitien.

In view of his preference for a "shining mark," it is a little strange that Death doesn't capture more bootblacks.—[Dansville Breeze.

Judge to Pickpocket—Who are your accomplices." Your Honor, you would not have me divulge a professional secret."—[Paris Figure.

It is more bleesed to give than to receive.

TREASURY BEPARTMENT, DEC. 23, 1887.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the oslice of the superintendent of this building and 12 o'closed, p. m., we INVENSIAN, SANVARY 1, 1885, for washing and receiping and the proposals should be accompanied by satisfactory granantee as to character and ability of the bidder or bidders to perform the work ma prompt and cleanly manner. Security will also be required for the proposals should be required for the proposals and return of the property. Proposals from should proposal should be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, indicated "Proposals for Washing Towels." C. S. FAIRCHILD, Secretary.

It is unusuated that one of the G. A. R. sts line decided to best in the courts the charge of a comrade from one of the Destrocks.

partments—The Coornectown Amateur Orchestra even the twents-fifth public reheared at the District Court has night. Miss blad-ing Remarks Church has night. Stock contrib-ting to the enloyment of the evening with vecit and violin sales.

mon to the enjoyment of the evening with vecal and violin solos.

A surrise meeting, an innovation in church services, will be held in the Congregational Church on Monday next at a m. Rev. S. M. Newman, sasisted by other peaces, will conduct the cervices. An effort is being made to establish the custom of holding sunrise meetings in all the churches.

—Rev. R. H. Robinson, paster of Mount Zion M. E. Church, was presented yearchay with a handsome dioth everest, with his and gloves, as evidenced appreciation of his shifties, by the Golden Hund, an association of the lady members of the church (Hisrathali for the benefit of the Carfield Hospital cleared over \$1,000.

—A departmental camp-fire, participated in by all the 6-A. R. posse in this department, will be held in 6-A. R. Hall on the 10th proxime. The committee of arrange-meets comprises one from each test.

ment, will be held in 0. A. R. Hall on the 19th proximo. The committee of arrangements comprises one from each post.

—The Department of the Potomac, O. A. R., will hold their aniual encampinent on the 19th prox. when others will be elected for the craining term. It is expected that Commander-in-Chief Ren will be present. for the crossing term. It is expected that Commander-in-thef Hen will be present.

-Lincoln Post No. 3, 6, A. B., held one of its enjoyable gamp-fires at Seventh and L. streets last night. Speeches were understoned in the second of the enjoyable gamp-fires at Seventh and L. streets last night. Speeches were understoned in the second of the second of

East Washington.

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—A watch meeting will be held in the Second Bander Church, Fourth street and Virginia scene southeast, to eight from to 12 o'clock. Sunday night Mactor R. Hes Swen presches on "That Other Raced."

—The Despatch proceeded to Norfolk yesterday facron, immediately upon the receipt of her sating orders.

—The examyation for the Navy-Yard is nearly completed.

South Washington.

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—Mr. Carl W. Shinermann of the Similistonian Institute, who has been ill with typhoid fewer for the just three months at his residence, No. 100 D street southwest, has recovered, and was on the the first time to

West Washington West Washington.

The young ladies of Miss Dorsey's school had a very enjoyable hop at Linthicum Hall lost evening tendered them by the principal of the school.

Council No. 7, Sons of Jonadab, will give their annual New Year entertainment at Academy Hall, Monday evening, January 2.

ary 2.

There were two arrests in this precinct last night for petry offenses.

Temperature and condition of water at 7a m.; Great Falls, temperature 32; condition 4; receiving reservoir, temperature 32; condition at north connection, it condition at south connection, 12; distributing reservoir, temperature 34; condition at industing the south connection, 12; distributing reservoir, temperature 34; condition at industing the source 11; condition at efficient gate-house, 12.

Washington will have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Langtry's "As in a Looking-Glass" for the week beginning January 2, at Albaugh's.

The "Rene" Company produced a new play called "Hermanie" in New Orleans recently. It was a great success, as of course it would be, with send artists as Mrs. Barry and William Redmund in the principal roles.

Novelties in Music Boxes.

"Musical boxes are very pretty Christmas gifts," said an importer to a reporter of the New York Moll and Express "and their sale is increasing yearly. You can get a small one for 50 cents, and we have some that would cost you \$0.000. The cheap kind will give just one tune and only then by turning a crank. We can put music into almost everything. We have money safes which will play a time when a coin is dropped in. They are worth 55. We have musical smill-boxes which while play a time when a coin is dropped in. They are worth 55. We have musical smill-boxes which play when they are opened; musical albums, musical decanters, water pitchers, eigar boxes, buil cages and cabinets. The \$5,000 instrument is a handsomely carved ebony or malogany cabinet, in close the box is what we call a full exchestrs it consists of druns, cynobis, castancies and flite, in addition to the ordinary comb. It plays forty-circl tunes, having eight interchangeald cylinders. Each cylinder plays six tunes; extra cylinders can be purchased at any time; and any piece of music arranged on the cylinder. The cylinders way in price from \$5 to \$50 each. A very fine box will play the entire overture of an opera."

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Petroleum.

B. K. Plain & Co., St. Cloud Building furmit the following Oil quotations. Closed yesterday, ST, opened od-day, ST, lighest, 100 lowest, ST, 215 p. m., ST, 100 lowest, ST, 215 p. m., ST, 200 lowest, ST, 215 p. m., ST, 2

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